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BOYS! MEN!

MY SECRET NEW DYNAFLEX METHOD

CAN BUILD YOU A MAGNIFICENT NEW HE-MAN-MUSCLED BODY IN JUST TEN MINUTES A DAY—with absolutely NO weights—NO bar-bells—NO EXERCISE AT ALL!

Mike Marvel

Yes! If they LAUGH at you now when you take off your shirt—they'll be amazed—once they've seen the rugged DYNAFLEX BODY I can give you! I'll build you a tough massive body—shoulders clad with solid inches of he-man BRAWN. I'll give you bulging biceps, trip-hammer fists, power-packed legs, and a chest that will have you popping the buttons off your shirt with pride! (—says MIKE MARVEL, "Builder of Champion Bodies")

In my classes this same course of instruction would cost $110.00.

Or is your problem a body sagging with soft rolls of unhealthy, handsome FAT? Puny muscles—sagging stomach—bloated face—arms heavy with layers of BLUBBER? Are you ASHAMED to go to the beach and let them see your "FAT-MAN PHYSIQUE"?

If so, wake up fella! THIS IS IT! I will peel off that fat and give you a lean virile DYNAFLEX BODY, armored with a sheath of hard tough handsome muscle. I can build you into a healthy, streamlined HERCULES—bursting with dynamic manly strength. I'll give you a taut rock-hard midsection—legs muscled like coil steel springs. I can pack solid DYNAMITE into your fists and give you a rugged handsome build brim-full of the magnetic SUPER-BODY APPEAL. And with NO starvation diets — NO fatiguing calisthenics — NO expensive health-foods!

ARE YOU WEAK, ALWAYS TIRED, LACK PEP?

Whether you're thin and scrawny, or sagging with unsightly fat — my secret DYNAFLEX method will cram pep, vigor and red-blooded vitality into your puny, exhausted body. Once DYNAFLEX makes you a two-fisted dynamo of manly beauty, rippling with power, glowing with magnetic appeal—you'll be bursting with get-up-and-go. Man, you'll be really ALIVE—tingling with zest and rip-roaring energy—for the first time in years!

PROOF!

"I tried two other systems, before my buddy told me about DYNAFLEX. It really works—and how! I've put two inches of solid muscle on my biceps, three inches on my chest. It's like magic!" L. C., New York City

"I never thought you could build terrific muscles without exercises or weights. Started DYNAFLEX two weeks ago, and am building a great physique." E. G., Detroit, Mich.

"DYNAFLEX is the best yet. Only three weeks, and I have more dates than I can handle! I am telling all my pals about DYNAFLEX." F. S., Chicago, Ill.

ARE YOU ASHAMED OF YOUR BODY NOW?

Pal—do YOURSELF a favor! Take a good long look in a mirror. Do you see a puny, starved body—scrawny arms—bony shoulders—a flabby stomach and skinny legs? Do they laugh and grip when you take off your shirt? BELIEVE IT OR NOT—I can add solid pounds of rippling, steely he-man MEAT to your build. I can take those skeleton arms and PACK EVERY INCH with explosive virile MAN-MUSCLE. I can take that caved-in chest and build on six rugged inches of strong sleek MAN-SIZED BRAWN. I can clothe your skinny frame with GIANT RIPPLING DYNAFLEX MUSCLES that will have them gasping with awe and admiration! And with NO tiring exercise, NO high-priced bar-bells or gym equipment!

HOW DYNAFLEX BUILDS BEAUTIFUL BODIES

DYNAFLEX is the modern miracle of body-building. It takes no tiresome exercises, "crash" diets, protein foods, and no weights or bar-bells. DYNAFLEX is the amazing discovery of a West German Doctor whose research into the Science of Strength found a thrilling new way to build GIANT BRAWNY MUSCLES in ten minutes a day. With DYNAFLEX you "flex" each muscle once—in a certain way—that is more effective than if you exercised that muscle 20, 30, even 100 times the old-fashioned way. With DYNAFLEX you get bigger results in ten minutes than after hours of grunting and groaning, hefting heavy weights.

DYNAFLEX coaxes each muscle in your body to bring out its round, steely fullness and satiny symmetery. DYNAFLEX packs that muscle with glowing vibrant new strength and energy—FAST. In ten minutes a day I can cover your bony frame with healthy rippling muscle—give you a deep, powerful chest—solid shoulders and iron wrists—tough, slim midsection—and trim, steel-spring legs—simply thru "DYNAFLEXING" each muscle once a day! There's nothing wrong with the bar-bell and weight-lifting method . . . but why bother? Why waste time and money, why sweat and strain your way to a streamlined symmetrical SAMSON-STRONG BODY—when you can do it better—bigger—faster—easier with the DYNAFLEX SECRET?

STRONG-MAN BODY THAT'S ADMIRED!

Be honest. Down deep you KNOW you envy the boy with the virile, magnificent build. Every man and boy secretly desires a broad brawny back, a solid man-muscled chest, handsome he-man shoulders, arms rippling with tough, steely sinews, a narrow waist, slim hips and springy, power-packed legs. Be a fellow with TWO-FISTED BIG MUSCLE APPEAL . . . they only laugh at skinny guys or "fatso's".

Let me give you a glowing new body, brimming over with energy and irresistible inches of solid muscle on your chest—he-man appeal. I can build three inches of beef and brawn on your shoulders. I will mold you a handsome super-body of terrific strength, give you a crushing grip, legs crammed with steel springs. A lean taut rock-solid punch-proof midsection. Pack your body with energy and stamina that will help make you popular.

GIVE ME TEN MINUTES A DAY —THAT'S ALL!

After DYNAFLEX, you'll be able to roll up your sleeves and take off your shirt and, for the first time in your life, you'll be PROUD of your manly build. Yes, pal, say goodbye to your weak, flabby frame—get ready for adventure and romance with a solid physique that glows and vibrates with virile he-man appeal. You'll be really proud to have people see your MAGNIFICENT HE-MAN MUSCLES at the beach or gym. And, when the fellows stare with envy and jealousy—when friends crowd around to squeeze your iron biceps or touch your bulging brawny chest—when they ask in amazement HOW you did it—tell them about the Magic Secret of DYNAFLEX!

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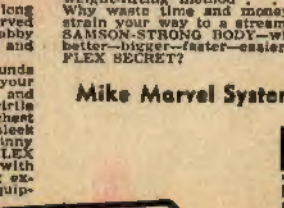

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The Atomic Knights

GARDNER GRAYLE: LEADER OF THE **ATOMIC KNIGHTS**

DOUGLAS HERALD: SCHOOLTEACHER

MARENE: HERALD'S SISTER

BRYNDON: ONE OF EARTH'S LAST SCIENTISTS

WAYNE + HOLLIS HOBARD: BROTHERS, EX-SOLDIERS AND LOYAL **ATOMIC KNIGHTS**

OF ALL THE TRAGEDIES CAUSED BY THE **HYDROGEN WAR OF 1986**, ONE OF THE MOST HEART-RENDERING WAS THE BAND OF HOMELESS, HUNGRY BOYS WHO CHARGED INTO ISOLATED VILLAGES, TERRORIZING THE INHABITANTS!

AND TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, WHEN THE **ATOMIC KNIGHTS** SET OUT TO REDEEM THE YOUTHFUL BAND, THEY RAN SMACK INTO THEIR OLD FOES, THE VICIOUS GANG OF **BLUE BELTS!**

HERE COME the WILD ONES!

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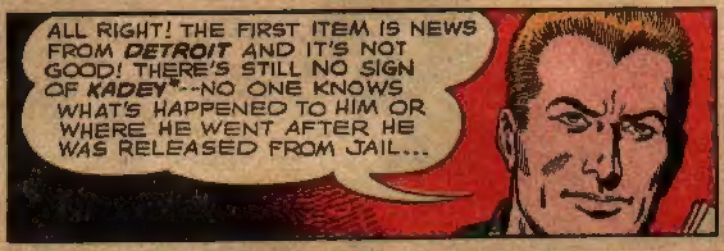
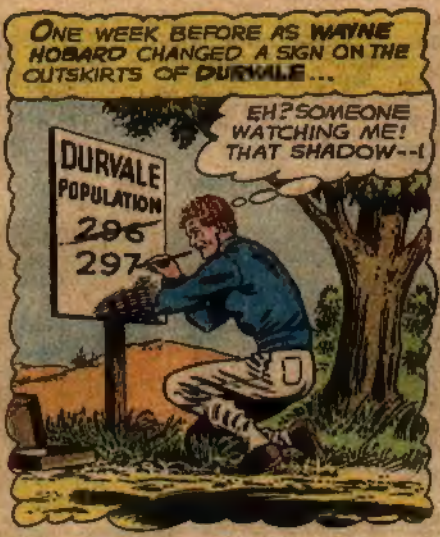
AS GARDNER GRAYLE, LEADER OF THE KNIGHTS, ACCEPTS THE SUGGESTION OF MARENE'S BROTHER, DOUGLAS...

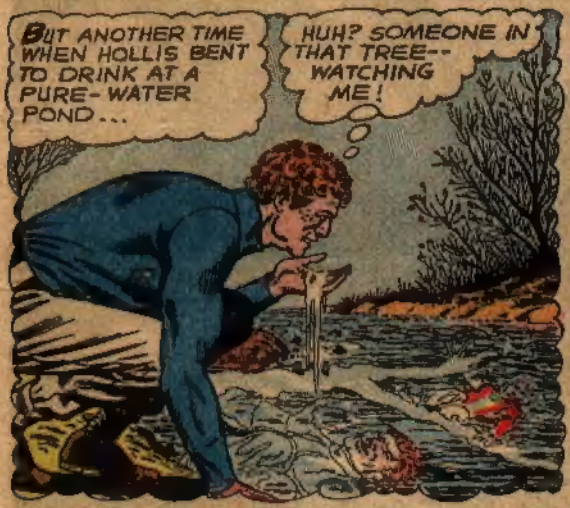


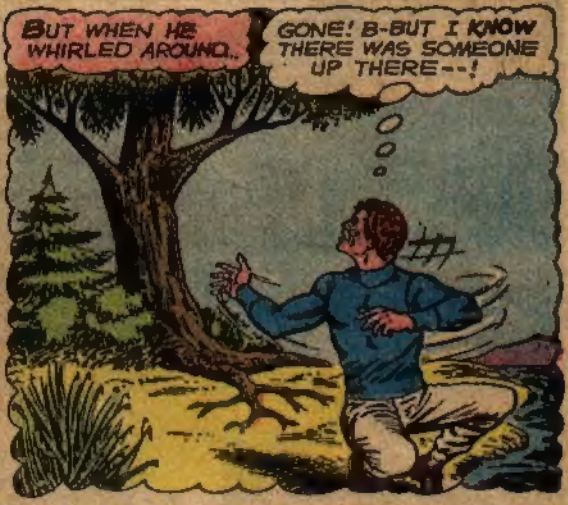
*EDITOR'S NOTE: SEE THE ATOMIC KNIGHTS STORY, "DANGER IN DETROIT," IN THE JUNE, 1963 ISSUE OF STRANGE ADVENTURES.

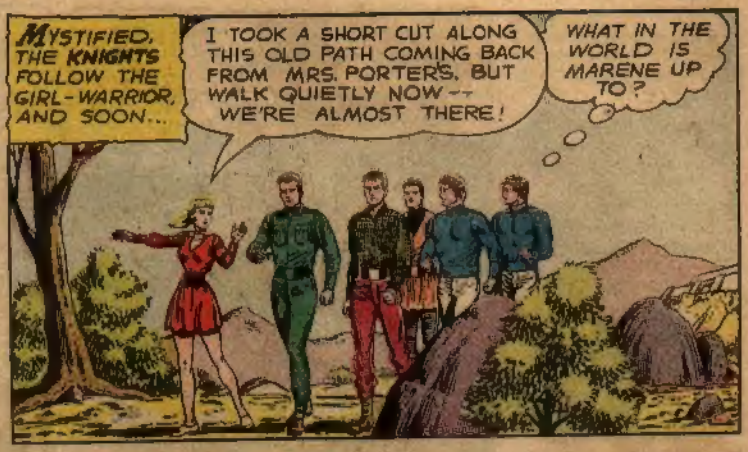
MYSTERIOUS EVENTS?!

WHAT IS SCIENTIST BRYNDON REFERRING TO--WHICH CAUSES SUDDEN GRIM FROWNS TO APPEAR ON THE FACES OF HIS FELLOW KNIGHTS? THE ANSWER IS STRANGE, FOR IT IS NOTHING TANGIBLE...









SOON, OVER-LOOKING A HIDDEN GULLY IN THE HILLS, THE SECRET IS REVEALED...

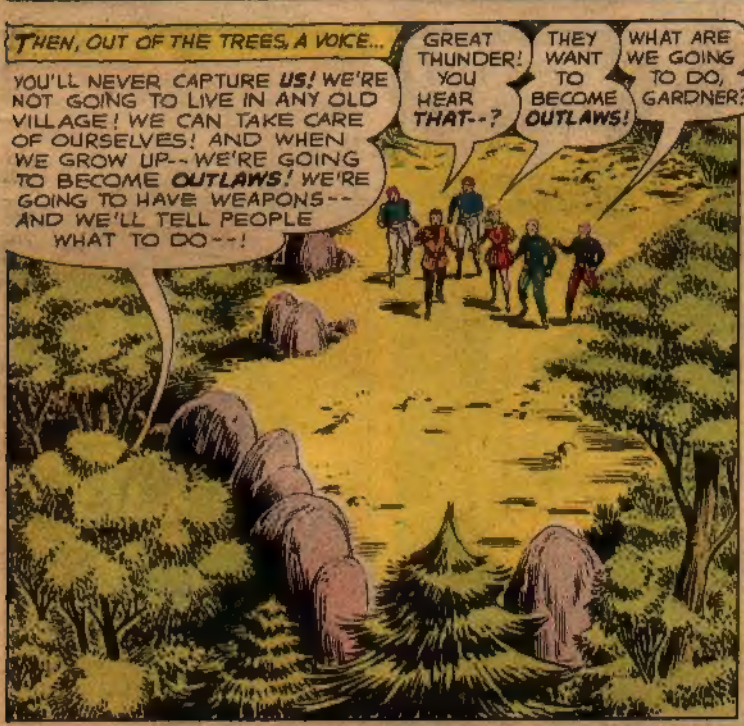
A--A BAND OF WILD BOYS!?

YES! THESE ARE THE ONES WHO HAVE BEEN SPYING ON US, KNIGHTS--!

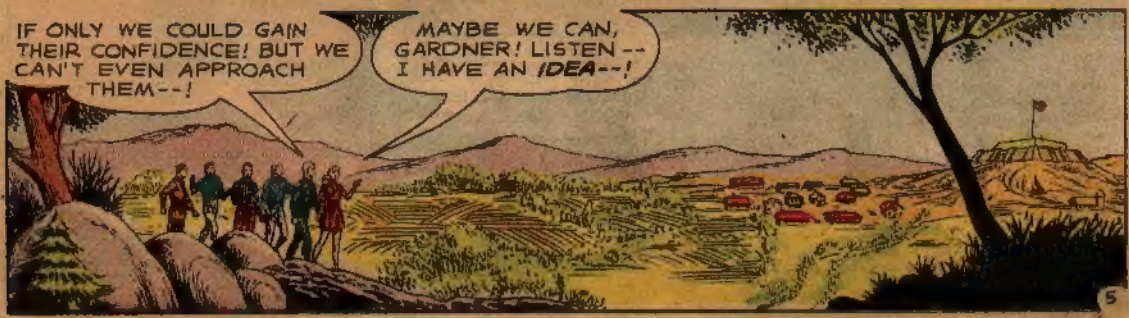
LIKE YOUNG SAVAGES-- LIVING IN THE OPEN!

THE NEXT MOMENT--STAMPEDE!
RUN!
HEAD FOR THE TREES!
HIDE!
THEY'RE RUNNING -- AS IF FROM THE FURIES!
STOP! WAIT! LISTEN TO ME--!

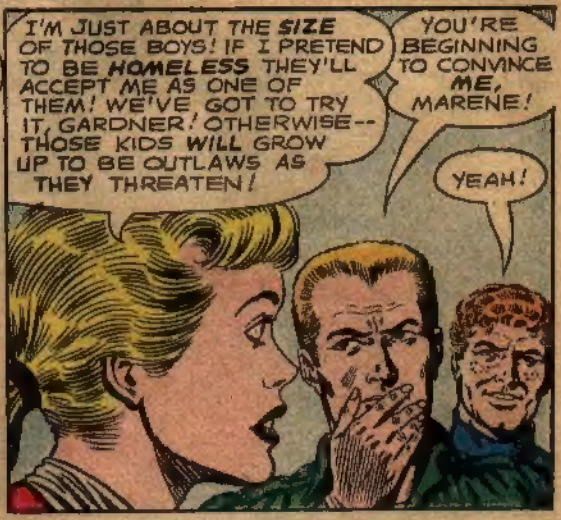
THEY'RE IN THOSE TREES--!
BOYS, WE WANT TO TAKE YOU TO OUR VILLAGE, GIVE YOU FOOD, CLOTHES! WE WANT TO FIND HOMES FOR YOU--DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND? WE'RE NOT YOUR ENEMIES!


THEN, OUT OF THE TREES, A VOICE...
YOU'LL NEVER CAPTURE US! WE'RE NOT GOING TO LIVE IN ANY OLD VILLAGE! WE CAN TAKE CARE OF OURSELVES! AND WHEN WE GROW UP--WE'RE GOING TO BECOME OUTLAWS! WE'RE GOING TO HAVE WEAPONS--AND WE'LL TELL PEOPLE WHAT TO DO--!
GREAT THUNDER! YOU HEAR THAT--?
THEY WANT TO BECOME OUTLAWS!
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO, GARDNER?

NOTHING WE CAN DO NOW, DOUGLAS! WE CAN'T CHASE THOSE KIDS--IT'S LIKE TRYING TO TRAP SHADOWS!
HOMELESS BOYS... WANDERING BANDS! HOW MANY TRAGEDIES THE HYDROGEN WAR CAUSED--THAT WE STILL SUFFER FROM!


IF ONLY WE COULD GAIN THEIR CONFIDENCE! BUT WE CAN'T EVEN APPROACH THEM--!
MAYBE WE CAN, GARDNER! LISTEN--I HAVE AN IDEA--!

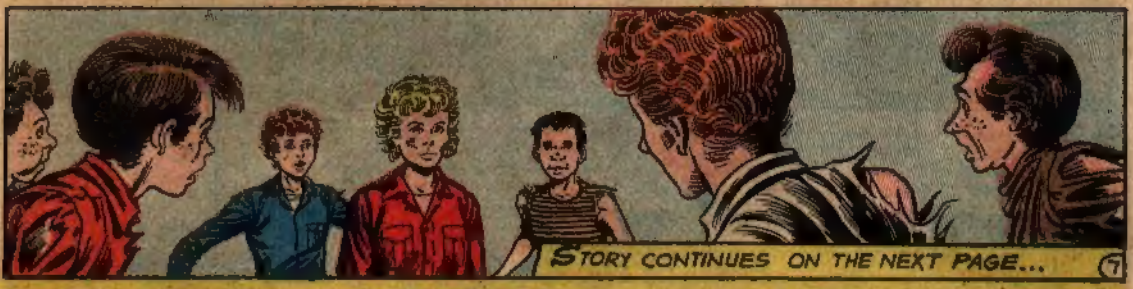
AFTER THE "SMALLEST KNIGHT" HAS REVEALED HER PLAN...
WHAT, MARENE--YOU WANT TO DISGUISE YOURSELF AS A BOY AND JOIN THAT BAND?
YES, GARDNER--TO GAIN THEIR CONFIDENCE! I THINK I CAN DO IT!


I'M JUST ABOUT THE SIZE OF THOSE BOYS! IF I PRETEND TO BE HOMELESS THEY'LL ACCEPT ME AS ONE OF THEM! WE'VE GOT TO TRY IT, GARDNER! OTHERWISE--THOSE KIDS WILL GROW UP TO BE OUTLAWS AS THEY THREATEN!
YOU'RE BEGINNING TO CONVINCE ME, MARENE!
YEAH!

AND SOON, THE KNIGHTS PITCH IN TO PREPARE THEIR LONE FEMALE MEMBER FOR HER DARING VENTURE...
DON'T BE AFRAID, GARDNER! CUT THE HAIR--
HERE'S THOSE BLUE JEANS FROM THE TALLENT BOY...
...AND SOME MUD FROM THE RIVER TO "DIRTY" YOU UP, MARENE!

WITH THE PREPARATIONS COMPLETED...
DARN IF SHE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A REAL RAGAMUFFIN!
DON'T LAUGH, YOU BULLIES! THIS IS SERIOUS!
IT'S ALL RIGHT! YOU PASS INSPECTION, MARENE!

THIS IS A SWITCH! IT'S USUALLY MARENE WAVING GOODBY TO ME AS I GO OFF--!
TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF, MARENE!
DON'T WORRY, GARDNER! I'LL BE ALL RIGHT...



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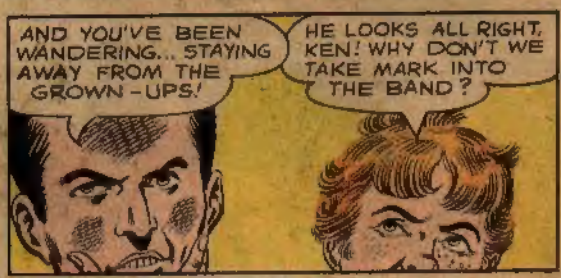
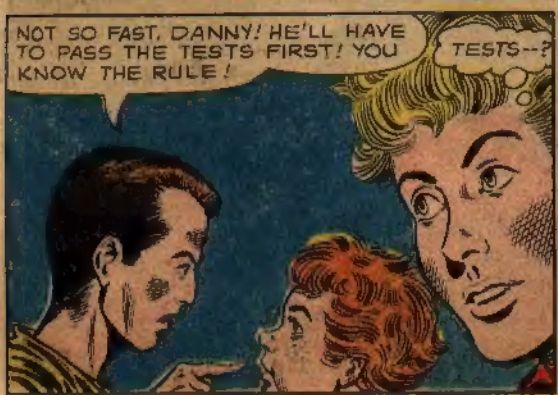
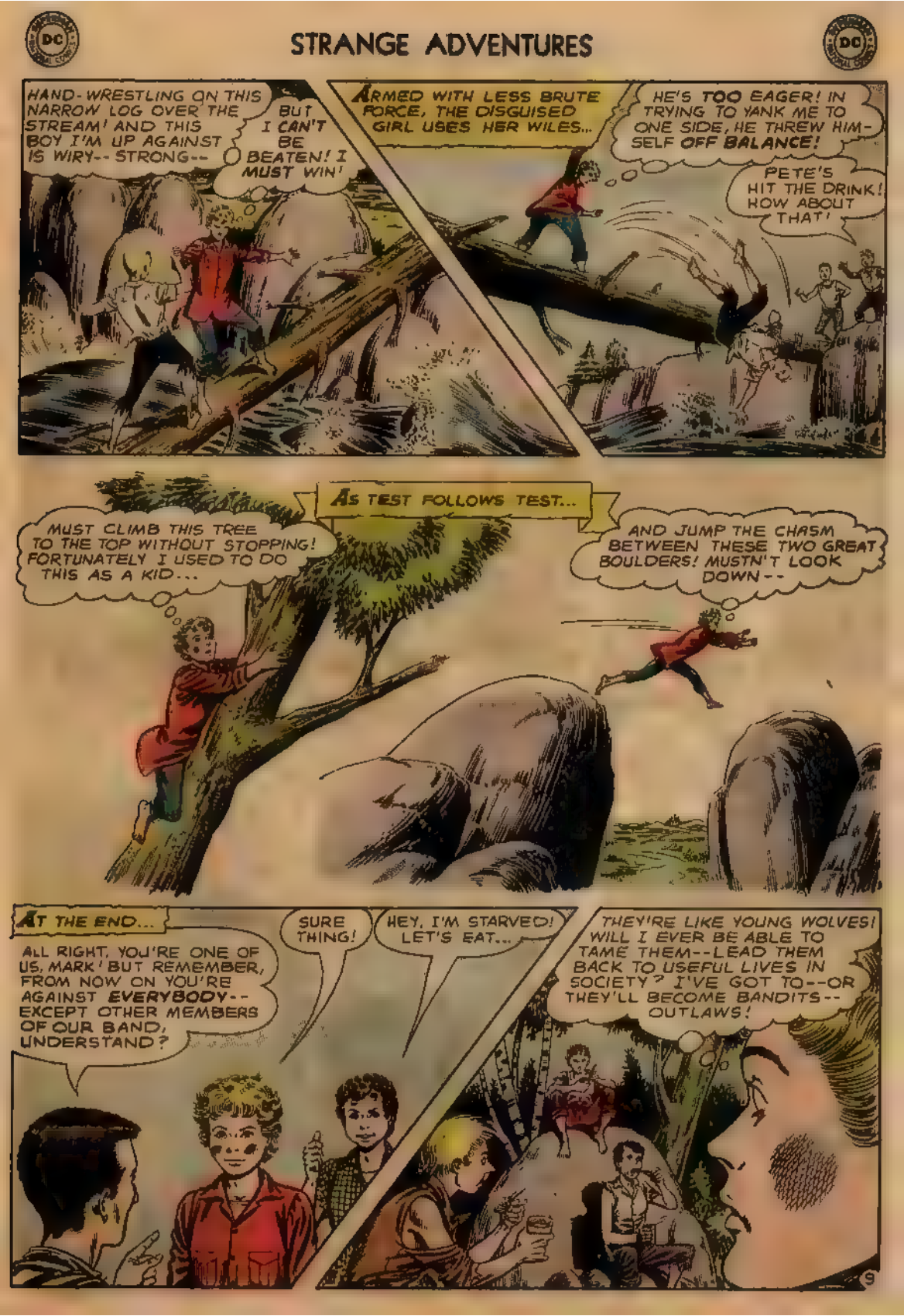
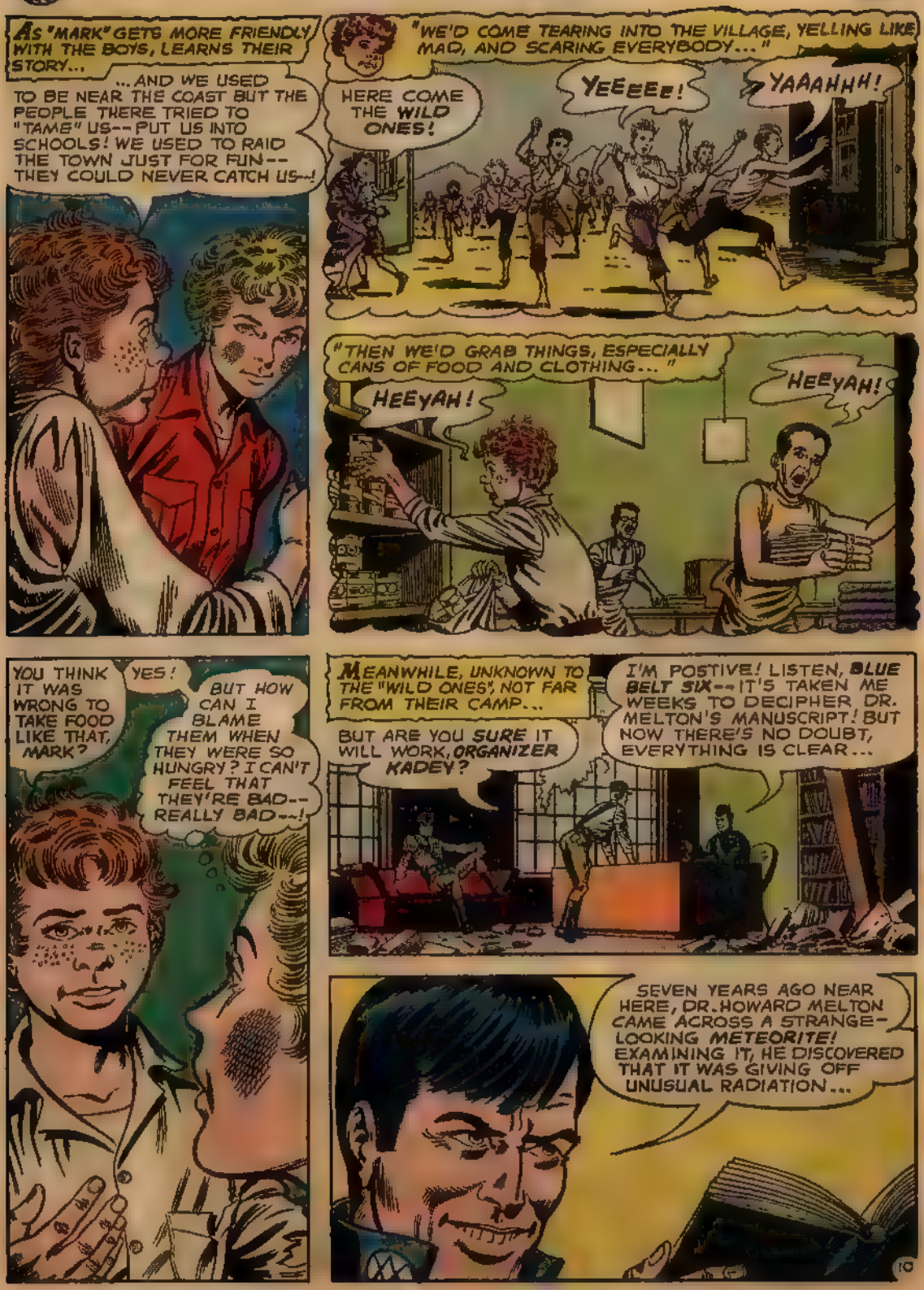
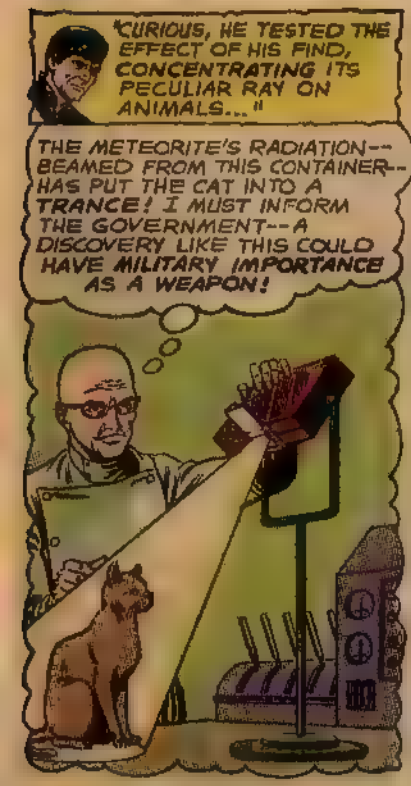





HAND-WRESTLING ON THIS NARROW LOG OVER THE STREAM! AND THIS BOY I'M UP AGAINST IS WIRY-- STRONG--
BUT I CAN'T BE BEATEN! I MUST WIN!
ARMED WITH LESS BRUTE FORCE, THE DISGUISED GIRL USES HER WILES...
HE'S TOO EAGER! IN TRYING TO YANK ME TO ONE SIDE, HE THREW HIMSELF OFF BALANCE!
PETE'S HIT THE DRINK! HOW ABOUT THAT!
AS TEST FOLLOWS TEST...
MUST CLIMB THIS TREE TO THE TOP WITHOUT STOPPING! FORTUNATELY I USED TO DO THIS AS A KID...
AND JUMP THE CHASM BETWEEN THESE TWO GREAT BOULDERS! MUSTN'T LOOK DOWN--
AT THE END...
ALL RIGHT, YOU'RE ONE OF US, MARK! BUT REMEMBER, FROM NOW ON YOU'RE AGAINST EVERYBODY-- EXCEPT OTHER MEMBERS OF OUR BAND, UNDERSTAND?
SURE THING!
HEY, I'M STARVED! LET'S EAT...
THEY'RE LIKE YOUNG WOLVES! WILL I EVER BE ABLE TO TAME THEM--LEAD THEM BACK TO USEFUL LIVES IN SOCIETY? I'VE GOT TO--OR THEY'LL BECOME BANDITS-- OUTLAWS!


AS "MARK" GETS MORE FRIENDLY WITH THE BOYS, LEARNS THEIR STORY...
...AND WE USED TO BE NEAR THE COAST BUT THE PEOPLE THERE TRIED TO "TAME" US--PUT US INTO SCHOOLS! WE USED TO RAID THE TOWN JUST FOR FUN--THEY COULD NEVER CATCH US--!
"WE'D COME TEARING INTO THE VILLAGE, YELLING LIKE MAD, AND SCARING EVERYBODY..."
HERE COME THE WILD ONES!
YEEEEEE!
YAAAHHH!
"THEN WE'D GRAB THINGS, ESPECIALLY CANS OF FOOD AND CLOTHING..."
HEEYAH!
HEEYAH!
YOU THINK IT WAS WRONG TO TAKE FOOD LIKE THAT, MARK?
YES!
BUT HOW CAN I BLAME THEM WHEN THEY WERE SO HUNGRY? I CAN'T FEEL THAT THEY'RE BAD--REALLY BAD--!
MEANWHILE, UNKNOWN TO THE "WILD ONES", NOT FAR FROM THEIR CAMP...
BUT ARE YOU SURE IT WILL WORK, ORGANIZER KADEY?
I'M POSTIVE! LISTEN, BLUE BELT SIX--IT'S TAKEN ME WEEKS TO DECIPHER DR. MELTON'S MANUSCRIPT! BUT NOW THERE'S NO DOUBT, EVERYTHING IS CLEAR...
SEVEN YEARS AGO NEAR HERE, DR. HOWARD MELTON CAME ACROSS A STRANGE-LOOKING METEORITE! EXAMINING IT, HE DISCOVERED THAT IT WAS GIVING OFF UNUSUAL RADIATION...


"CURIOUS, HE TESTED THE EFFECT OF HIS FIND, CONCENTRATING ITS PECULIAR RAY ON ANIMALS..."
THE METEORITE'S RADIATION--BEAMED FROM THIS CONTAINER--HAS PUT THE CAT INTO A TRANCE! I MUST INFORM THE GOVERNMENT--A DISCOVERY LIKE THIS COULD HAVE MILITARY IMPORTANCE AS A WEAPON!

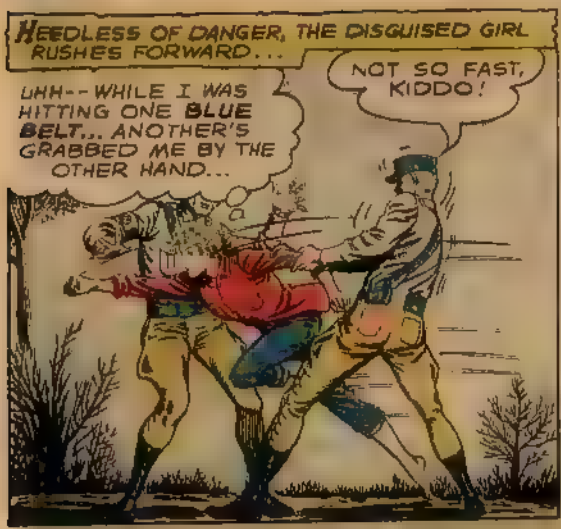
"BUT BEFORE THE SCIENTIST COULD ACT, THE H-WAR BROKE OUT! HIS MANUSCRIPT ENDS THERE..."
...NO DOUBT DR. MELTON PERISHED ALONG WITH MILLIONS OF OTHERS! STUMBLING ON HIS OLD LABORATORY IS THE GREATEST PIECE OF LUCK THAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED TO US BLUE BELTS! BUT WE STILL MUST TEST OUT THE POWER OF THIS METEORITE...

...BEFORE WE USE IT AGAINST OUR ENEMIES, THE ATOMIC KNIGHTS! AND I HAVE A PLAN...YOU KNOW THAT CAMP OF WILD KIDS WE SPIED ON THE HILL ACROSS THE RIVER? WELL, LISTEN, HERE'S WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO... BZZZZZ... BZZZZZZZ...

AND ON "MARK'S" SECOND DAY WITH THE "WILD ONES"...
THE BAND IS RUNNING OUT OF FOOD! WE'VE BEGUN TO HUNT FOR BURIED FOOD CACHES... LEFT OVER FROM BEFORE THE WAR...
HEY, GANG--THERE'S SOMETHING...

BUT AS DANNY BENDS FOR THE HALF-HIDDEN FOOD-PACK...
UHHH!
IT WAS A TRAP! SOMEONE PUT THAT PACK THERE--AS BAIT! GET HIM OUT--!

FROM HIS HIDING PLACE STEPS A FIGURE IN BLUE...
WE'VE SNARED ONE! NOW LET'S ROUND THEM ALL UP--!
GOOD GOSH! KADEY--AND HIS BLUE BELTS! IT WAS THEY WHO CAUGHT DANNY--!


HEEDLESS OF DANGER, THE DISGUISED GIRL RUSHES FORWARD...
UHH--WHILE I WAS HITTING ONE BLUE BELT... ANOTHER'S GRABBED ME BY THE OTHER HAND...
NOT SO FAST, KIDDO!

OHH! HE'S SWUNG MARK OVER THAT CLIFF--!

GOT TO SLOW MYSELF DOWN... TO AVOID BEING CRUSHED WHEN I HIT THE GROUND...! THESE ROOTS ALONG THE CLIFF..

AT THE BOTTOM OF THE RAVINE, BRUISED BUT UNHARMED...
GOT TO HURRY BACK TO DURVALE! ALERT THE KNIGHTS--IN ORDER TO SAVE DANNY AND THE OTHER BOYS--!

AFTER A GRIM, LONG-DISTANCE RUN AT SPRINT-SPEED..
..AND {PUFF!} YOU'VE GOT TO HELP THEM, GARDNER! KADEY IS CAPABLE OF ANYTHING!
GET YOUR ARMOR ON, KNIGHTS!

AND SOON A VALIANT RESCUE PARTY IS ON THE WAY..
IF KADEY IS THIS CLOSE, HE MUST BE PLANNING TO ATTACK US! BE ON THE ALERT FOR ANY OF HIS TRICKS!

THE *METEORITE* WORKS LIKE A CHARM! THE RADIATION'S TURNED THE KIDS--ALL OF THEM--INTO AUTOMATONS!

MR. ORGANIZER-- THE *ATOMIC KNIGHTS!* CHARGING US--!

AS KADEY SWINGS HIS UNIQUE WEAPON ON THE FOREMOST ARMOR-WEARER...

HOLLIS HAS BEEN STRICKEN! HE ACTS LIKE HE'S BEEN TURNED INTO A *SLEEP-WALKER--!*

UHH!

KNIGHTS-- DOWN VISORS-- FAST!

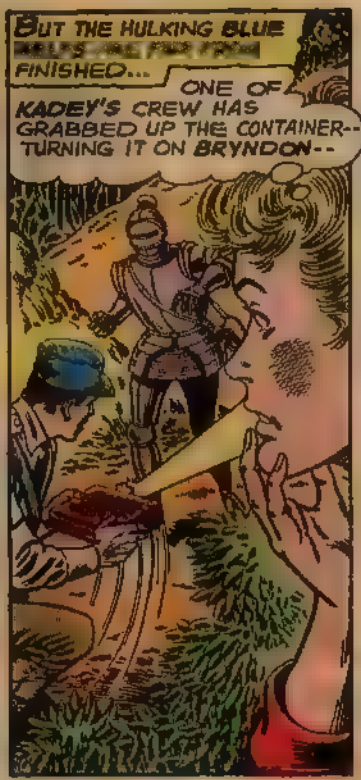
HERE'S HOPING NOT ENOUGH OF THAT RADIATION WILL GET THROUGH THE NARROW SLITS OF OUR VISORS TO AFFECT US--!

THEN, AS GARDNER MAKES HIS MOVE...

HA HA! YOU'RE SLOWING DOWN TO A WALK..YOU'LL NEVER REACH ME!

IT. IT'S LIKE BUCKING A TORNADO--BUT GOT TO KEEP MOVING...

THEN, WITH HIS LAST BIT OF STRENGTH AND WILL-POWER...
MADE IT--!


BUT THE HULKING BLUE
FINISHED...
ONE OF KADEY'S CREW HAS GRABBED UP THE CONTAINER--TURNING IT ON BRYNDON--

THAT'S THE WAY, MARENE-- I MEAN MARK!

THE NEXT MOMENT, UNDER THE ATOMIC PISTOLS* WHICH THE KNIGHTS HESITATE TO USE AGAINST ANOTHER HUMAN, NO MATTER HOW EVIL...
WE GIVE UP!
THAT'S BETTER!
DOUGLAS, WAYNE--TAKE THEM BACK TO THE VILLAGE--!
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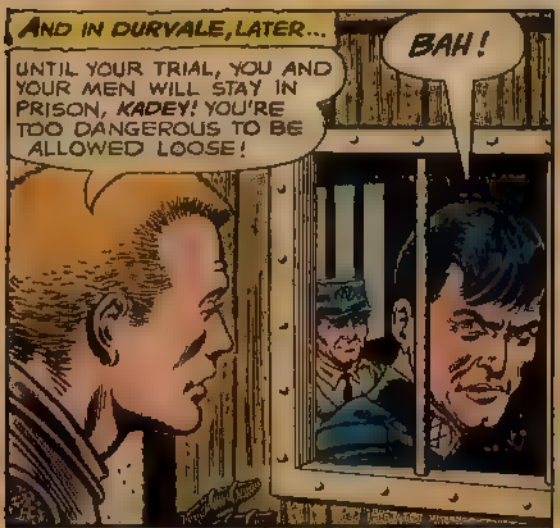
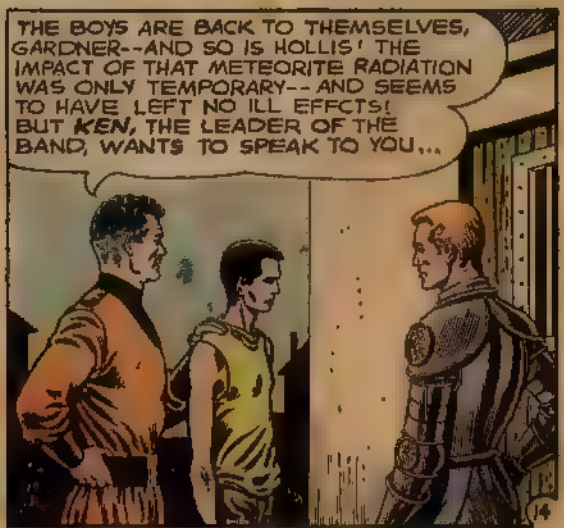
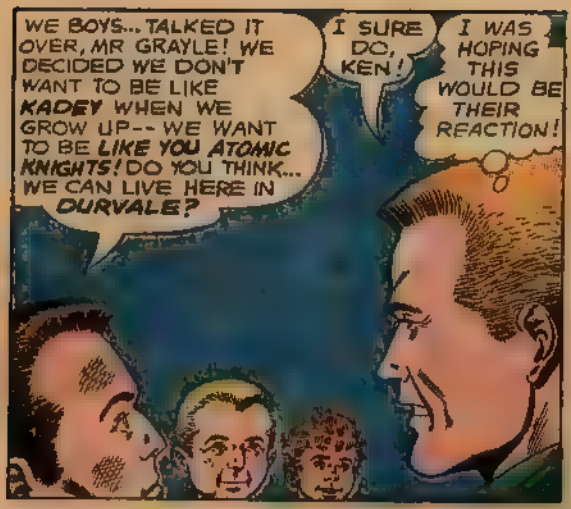
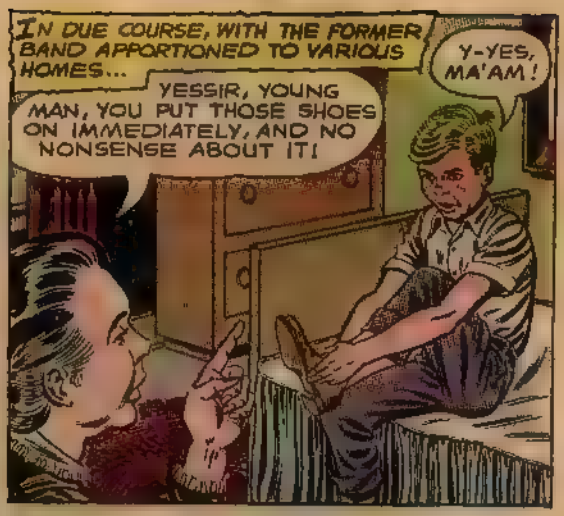
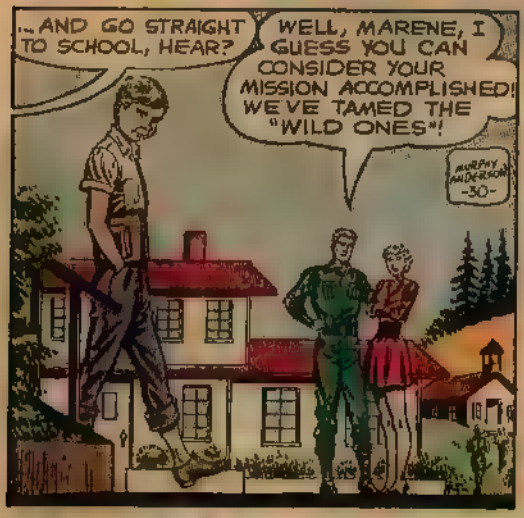

AND IN DURVALE, LATER...
UNTIL YOUR TRIAL, YOU AND YOUR MEN WILL STAY IN PRISON, KADEY! YOU'RE TOO DANGEROUS TO BE ALLOWED LOOSE!
BAH!


THE BOYS ARE BACK TO THEMSELVES, GARDNER--AND SO IS HOLLIS! THE IMPACT OF THAT METEORITE RADIATION WAS ONLY TEMPORARY--AND SEEMS TO HAVE LEFT NO ILL EFFCTS! BUT KEN, THE LEADER OF THE BAND, WANTS TO SPEAK TO YOU...







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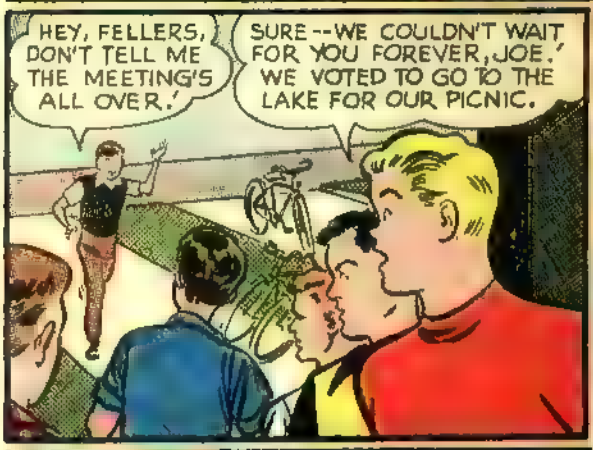

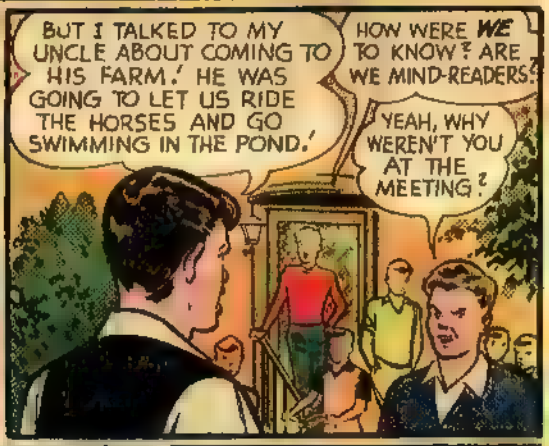

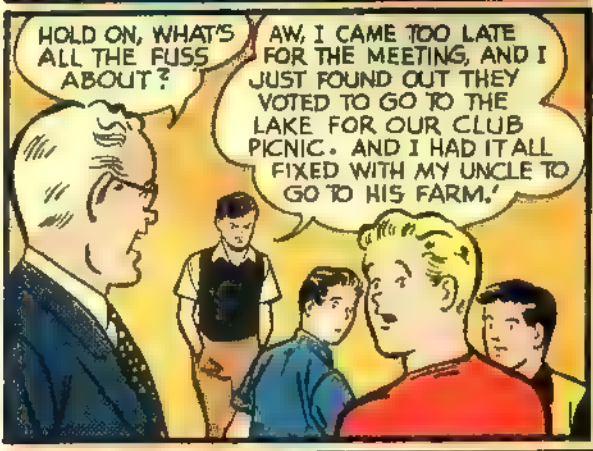

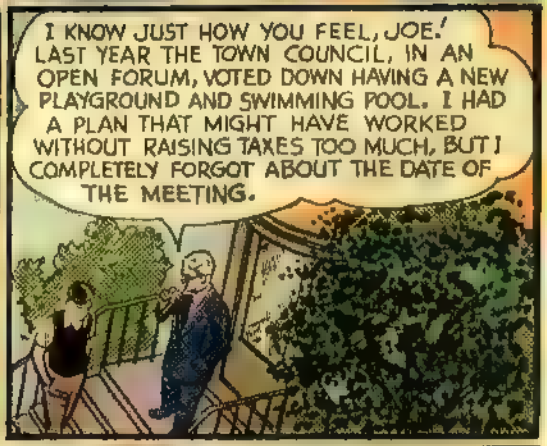

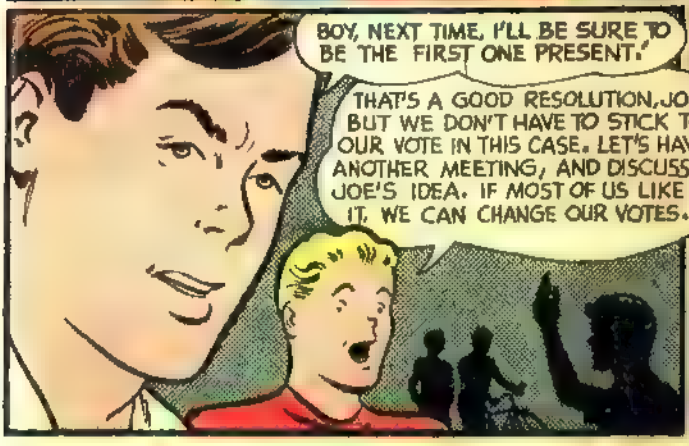

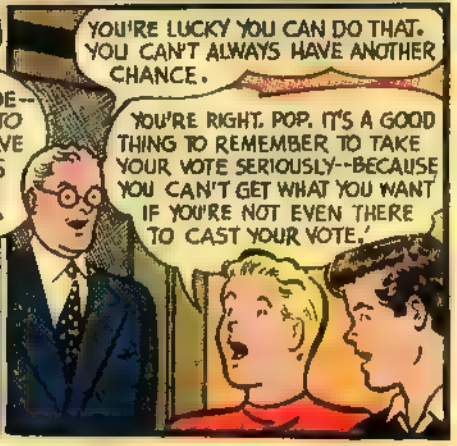

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Dear Editor: The cover story for your September *Strange Adventures*, "The Man with the Head of Saturn"—what a bizarre title!—was a very good science-fiction yarn. Author Gardner Fox came up with an excellent plot and the message at the end conveyed our hopes for the future. Sid Greene seems to have hit his peak in the last few issues and once again came up with a fine art job

The double-length *Atomic Knights* story, "Threat of the Witch-Woman," lived up to the high art and story standards which Murphy Anderson and John Broome have set for them. The disease, hallucination sickness, from which the demon creatures originated is entirely feasible. I was glad to see Douglas Herald do something this time as usually he is the "fifth wheel" and hardly ever sees any action.

Regarding *Star Hawkins*, I will say on his behalf that this series is one of the most original and entertaining that I have ever read. *Star Hawkins* features the best art and plotwork of any *Strange Adventures* series, including the *Atomic Knights*. I am very pleased that the *Hawkins* series is gaining in popularity with each succeeding issue.

Cecil Nichols, 444 Fairford W., Moose Jaw, Sask.,Can.

(Now that the *Star Rovers* has become a recent entry in our series sweepstakes, there may soon be a shuffling of positions which currently shows the *Atomic Knights* leading the pack, with the runners-up—*Space Museum* and *Star Hawkins*—running about neck and neck.—*Editor*)

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Dear Editor: In your SPOTLIGHT ON STRANGE ADVENTURES column in the September *Strange Adventures*, I note that you seem dubious about the classification of Gardner Fox and John Broome among the top science-fiction writers. Actually, it is quite possible. Many people seem unaware of the fact that there are two categories of science-fiction; the straight adventure yarn and the intellectual exercise. These two categories have existed since the beginning of science-fiction. The curiosity is that one who can write one type can seldom write the other. As a result, it is rather impossible to classify any one person as the "greatest" science-fiction writer.

At the moment, the comic magazines are the only place one can find the pure adventure yarn (except when some of the old s-f stories are reprinted in the pulps as curiosities). Considering the facts of the situation, I think that reader Guy Lillian's remarks on the matter are quite valid. One of the all-time greats in the realm of adventure science-fiction is Edmond Hamilton. I understand that he has done some work for your magazines. Anyway, you seem to have a good collection of writers.

D Bruce Berry, 4564 N. Malden St., Chicago, Ill.

(During the 13 plus years of its existence, *Strange Adventures* has had the honor of featuring stories by some of the top names in science-fiction. Gardner Fox and John Broome—who are currently doing most of the comic stories in this magazine—have had many stories published in the regular pulp s-f magazines. Other familiar pulp names who have had yarns in *Strange Adventures* are Edmond Hamilton, Henry Kuttner, Manly Wade Wellman, Otto (Eando) Binder, H. L. Gold, and David V. Reed. More about pulp and comic science-fiction in the letter that follows.—*Editor*)

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Dear Editor: I don't know what it is about my letters, maybe it's my grey stuff between the ears, but it seems that ye editor always seems to misinterpret me. I mean, of course, my letter in the September *Strange Adventures* concerning the science-fictional writing merits of Gardner Fox and John Broome.

I said that they were the most sensational sci-fi writers of the day, except for Bradbury, Simak and Norton. What I meant was, the most sensational *juvenile* and *versatile* sci-fi authors. I really shouldn't have mentioned Bradbury. He isn't *juvenile*, nor is Clifford D. Simak But both are amazingly *versatile*.

But I defy either of them, as well as Andre Norton, to write a different comic book story nearly every week! The ability of Fox and Broome to do so, and still retain their exceptional originality, beautiful style, and brains, certainly should rate them along with Bradbury, Simak, Norton, Arthur Clarke, Isaac Asimov, Murry Leinster, etc.

Guy Lillian III, 1852 11 St., Riverside, Calif.

(What with all this discussion about how sci-fi comic writers compare with the pulpsters, how come no one has bothered to rate *Strange Adventures'* artists with those doing illustrative work for the pulps?—*Editor*)

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Dear Editor: Instead of always having your aliens making themselves understood -via telepathy—to Earthmen, I have a suggestion. Humans can use only 10 per cent of their brains so it stands to reason that the longer one's race exists the longer it moves along the evolution trail. We'll learn to use more and more of our brain power. So let the aliens have to talk vocally and let we Earthmen be telepathic just once, *just once*, and I will be happier because (*sob*) I will know (*sob*) that we will have (*sob*) made it . . . (*choke . . . sob . . . honk.*)

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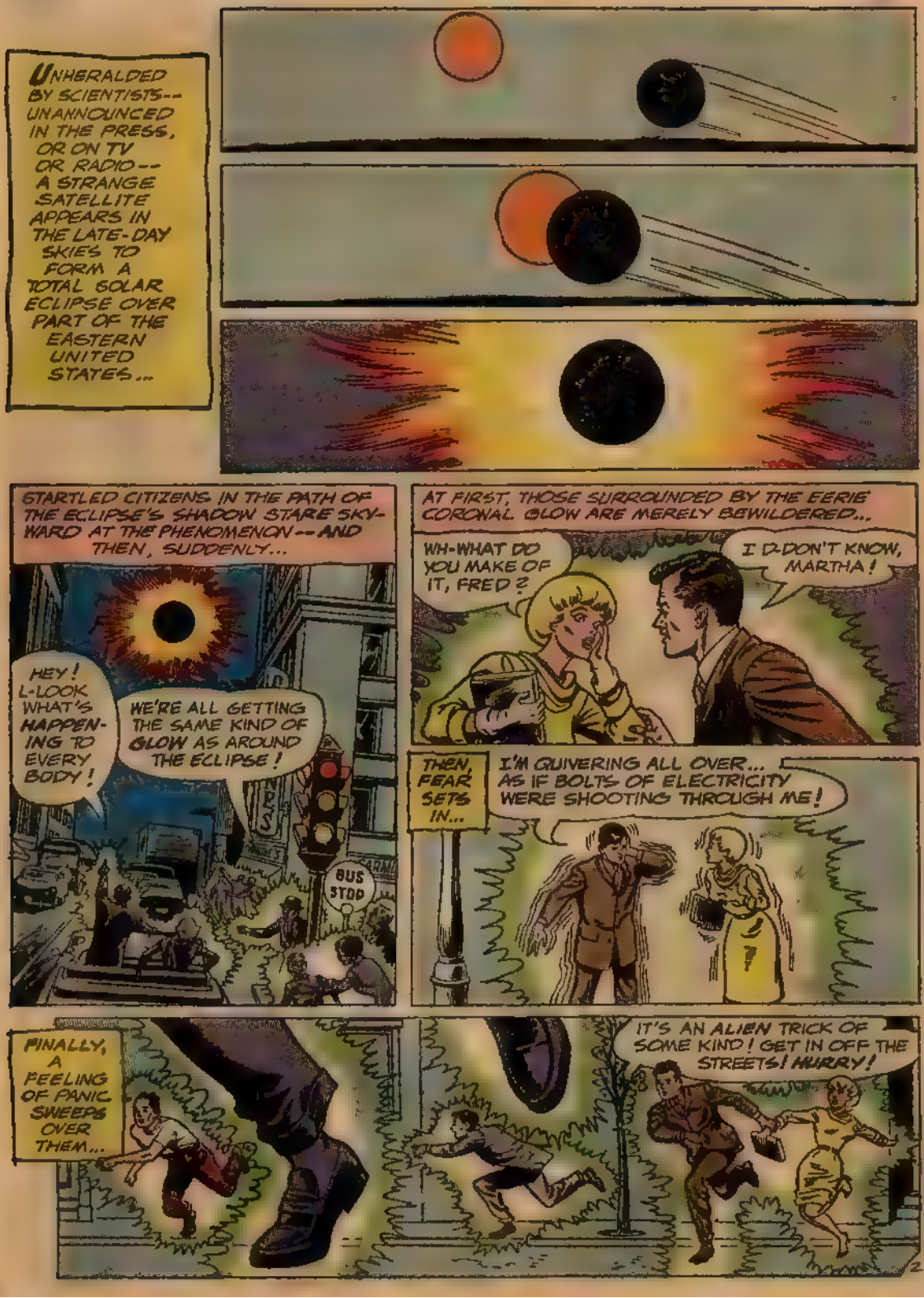
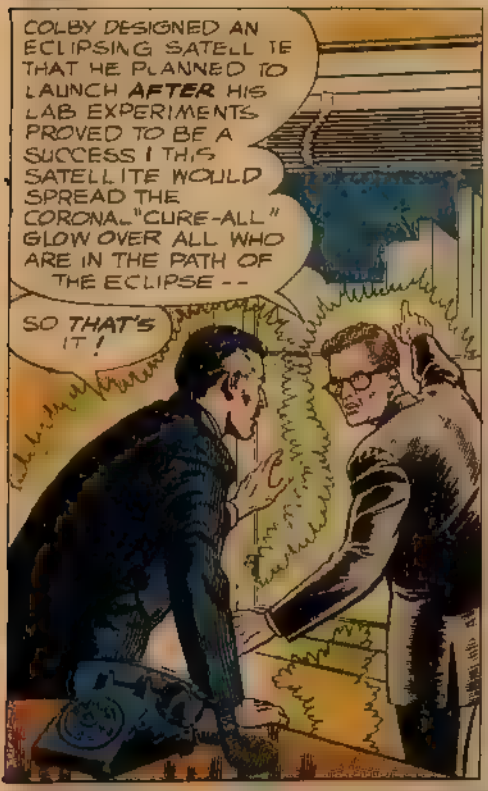
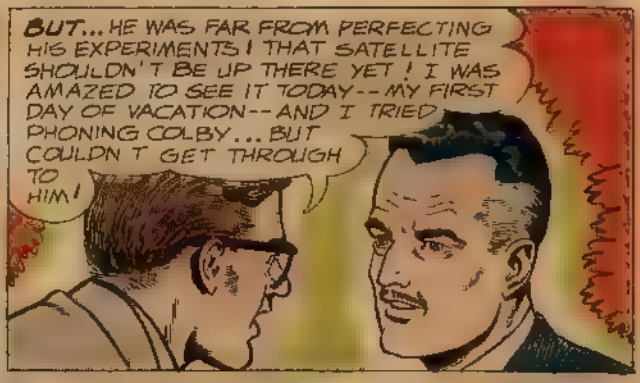
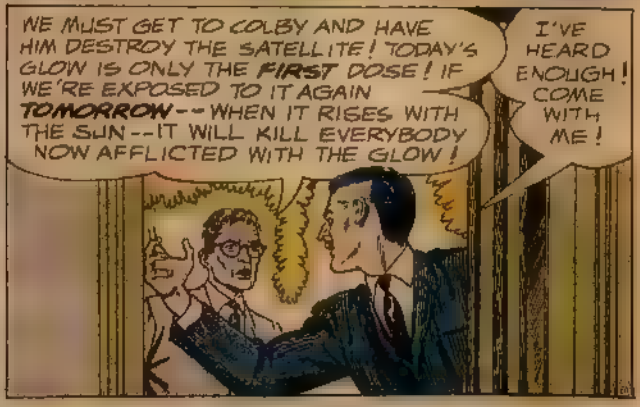
CAPTIVES of the ECLIPSE!
AS IF FROM OUT OF NOWHERE IT CAME -- THE SINISTER SATELLITE THAT BLOTTED OUT THE SUN, AFFLICTING PEOPLE WITH AN EERIE CORONAL GLOW!
IT WAS TO DARWIN JONES - OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION -- THAT THE DOOMED PEOPLE TURNED FOR HELP! YET, IT WAS ALSO DARWIN JONES THEY TRIED TO STOP WHEN HE FOUND THE SOLUTION TO SAVE THEM!
STAY BACK, MR. JONES! WE CAN'T LET YOU IN THE LAB!
BUT I MUST GET IN -- BEFORE THE SUN RISES AND A SECOND ECLIPSE DESTROYS YOU ALL!


UNHERALDED BY SCIENTISTS-- UNANNOUNCED IN THE PRESS, OR ON TV OR RADIO-- A STRANGE SATELLITE APPEARS IN THE LATE-DAY SKIES TO FORM A TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE OVER PART OF THE EASTERN UNITED STATES...
STARTLED CITIZENS IN THE PATH OF THE ECLIPSE'S SHADOW STARE SKYWARD AT THE PHENOMENON--AND THEN, SUDDENLY...
HEY! L-LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING TO EVERYBODY!
WE'RE ALL GETTING THE SAME KIND OF GLOW AS AROUND THE ECLIPSE!
BUS STOP
AT FIRST, THOSE SURROUNDED BY THE EERIE CORONAL GLOW ARE MERELY BEWILDERED...
WH-WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF IT, FRED?
I D-DON'T KNOW, MARTHA!
THEN, FEAR SETS IN...
I'M QUIVERING ALL OVER... AS IF BOLTS OF ELECTRICITY WERE SHOOTING THROUGH ME!
FINALLY, A FEELING OF PANIC SWEEPS OVER THEM...
IT'S AN ALIEN TRICK OF SOME KIND! GET IN OFF THE STREETS! HURRY!

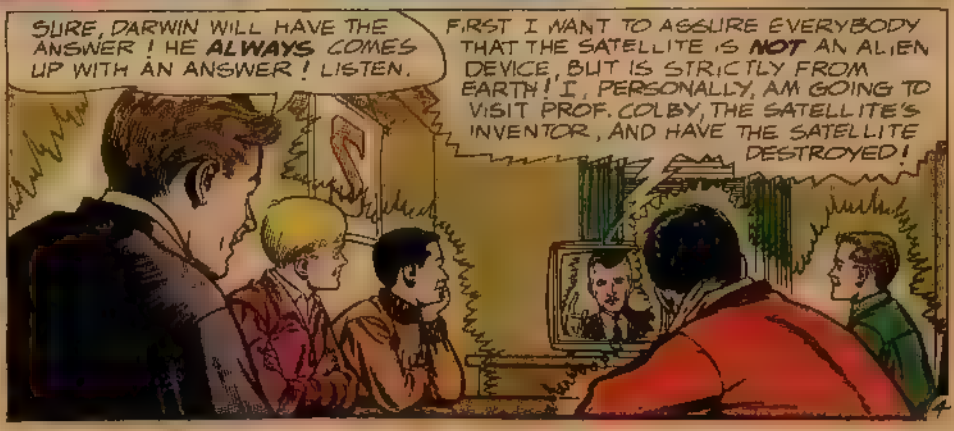
A SHORT WHILE LATER, AFTER THE MYSTERIOUS SATELLITE DISAPPEARS, NEWSPAPERS, AND RADIO AND TV STATIONS ARE SWAMPED WITH PHONE CALLS--PROMPTING SPECIAL BULLETINS...
SCIENTISTS CANNOT EXPLAIN THE STRANGE SATELLITE THAT BRIEFLY APPEARED IN THE SKIES OVER A 100-MILE AREA OF THE COUNTRY--NOR CAN THEY EXPLAIN THE WEIRD CORONAL GLOW SURROUNDING THE PEOPLE WHO WERE IN THE PATH OF THE ECLIPSE...
FROM MANY COME A SINGLE CRY...
WHY DON'T THEY CONTACT DARWIN JONES, THE SCIENCE DETECTIVE?
JONES HAS SOLVED SCIENTIFIC MYSTERIES BEFORE!
WHY HAVEN'T THEY BROUGHT HIM IN ON THIS ONE!
BUT AT THE D.S.I.--DEPARTMENT OF SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION--THE GREAT SLEUTH HIMSELF SITS SURROUNDED BY THE FEARSOME CORONA...
I KNOW REPORTERS ARE OUTSIDE, MR. JONES--ANXIOUSLY AWAITING A STATEMENT FROM YOU, SO I'LL MAKE THIS FAST!
GO AHEAD, DR. SANFORD! IF YOU HAVE IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ECLIPSE, PLEASE GIVE IT TO ME!
I WORK AS AN ASSISTANT TO PROF. MARK COLBY, AT HIS COUNTRY LAB! HE HAS BEEN EXPERIMENTING WITH A FANTASTIC PROJECT--A PROJECT THAT MIGHT REVOLUTIONIZE THE FIELD OF HEALTH AND MEDICINE!
COLBY HAS BEEN EXPERIMENTING WITH LAB ANIMALS--GIVING THEM A CORONAL GLOW--SUCH AS YOU AND I AND OTHERS HAVE AT THIS MOMENT...
WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE GLOW?
IT IS SUPPOSED TO CURE DISEASES--ACHES AND ILLS... BUT SO FAR THE EXPERIMENTS HAVE FAILED! I THINK HE'S EVEN TRIED IT ON HIMSELF--THOUGH HE SHOULDN'T HAVE!
WHAT HAS ALL THIS TO DO WITH THE SATELLITE--AND THE ECLIPSE?



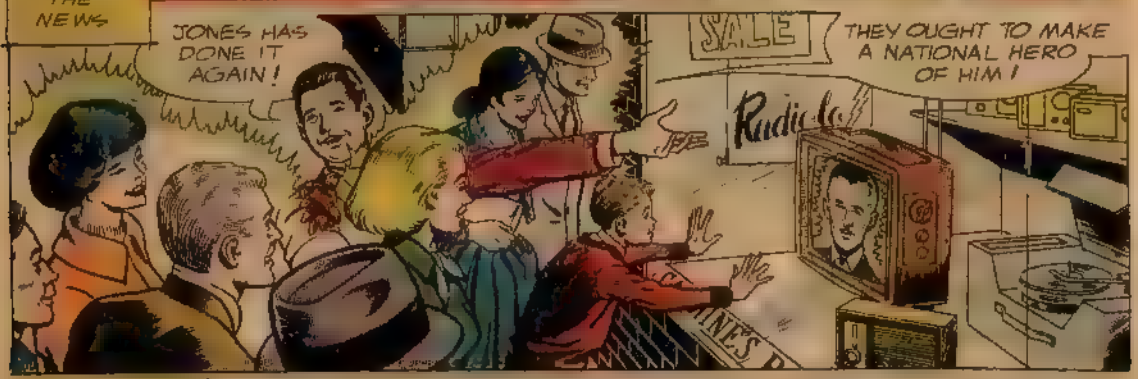


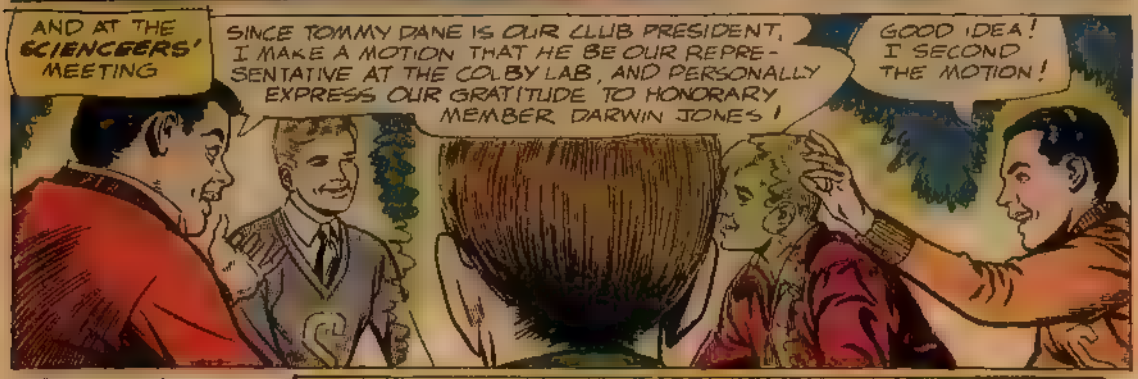


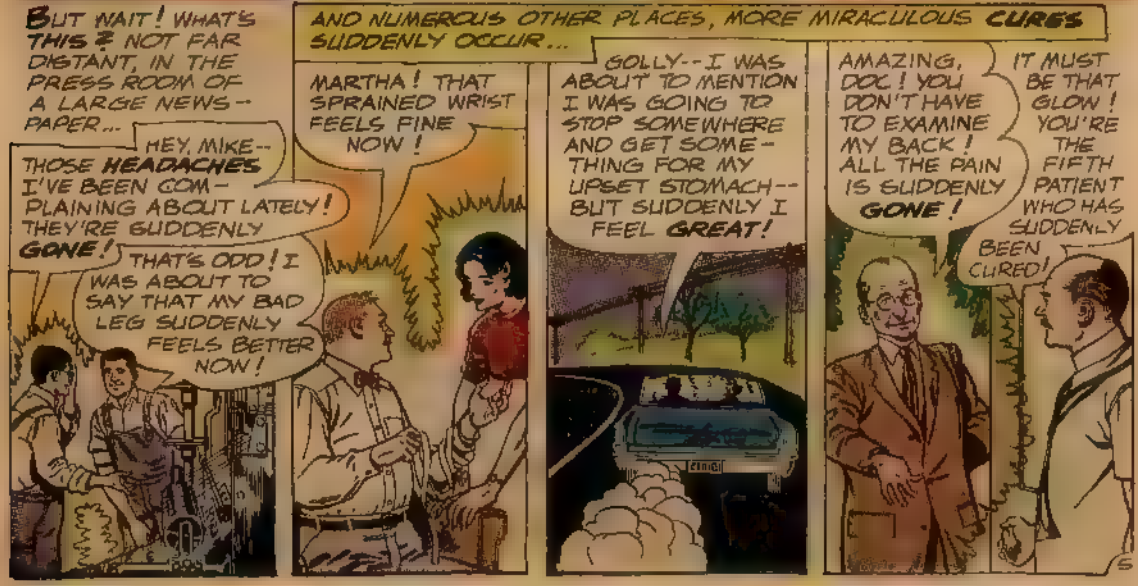
NEWS OF THE FAMED SCIENCE SLEUTH'S APPEARANCE ON TV ATTRACTS A NATIONWIDE AUDIENCE--INCLUDING THE YOUNG SCIENCEERS, AN ORGANIZATION OF WHICH DARWIN JONES IS AN HONORARY MEMBER

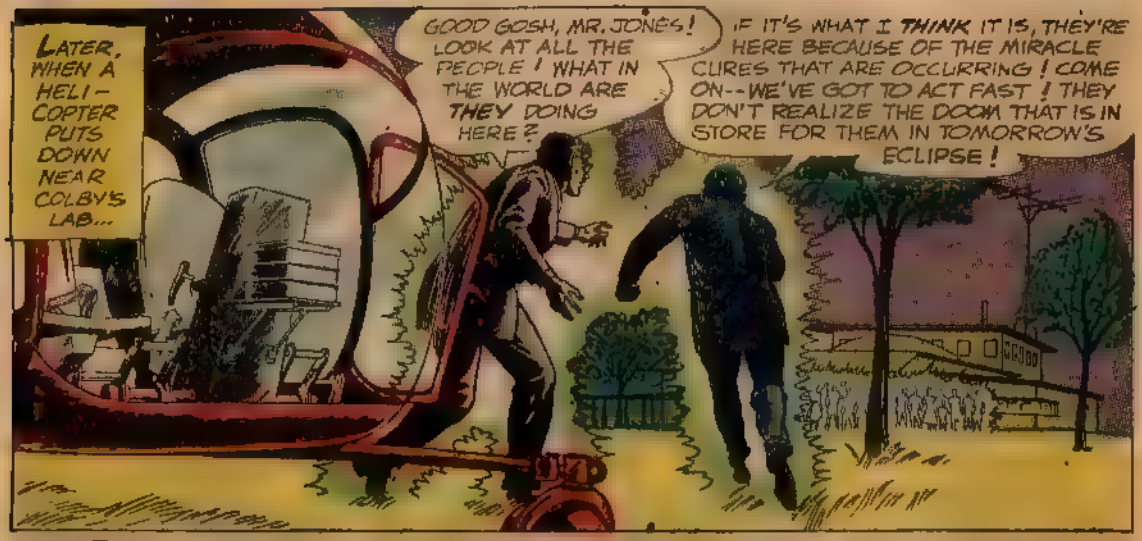


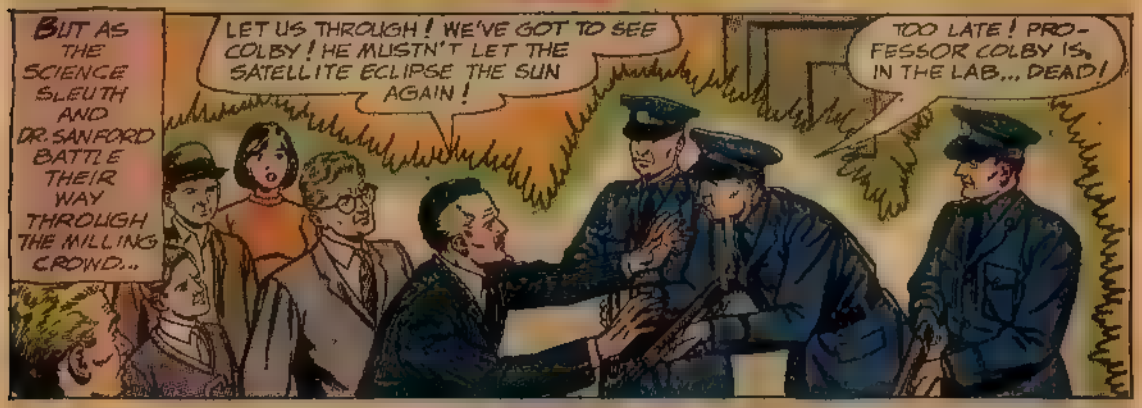
ACROSS THE NATION A BURST OF CHEERS GOES UP AT THE NEWS
HURRAY! DARWIN JONES HAS SOLVED IT!

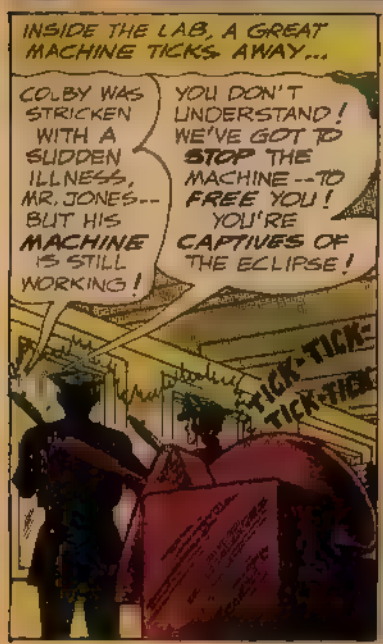

JONES HAS DONE IT AGAIN!
SALE
THEY OUGHT TO MAKE A NATIONAL HERO OF HIM!
Radio


AND AT THE SCIENCERS' MEETING
SINCE TOMMY DANE IS OUR CLUB PRESIDENT, I MAKE A MOTION THAT HE BE OUR REPRESENTATIVE AT THE COLBY LAB, AND PERSONALLY EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE TO HONORARY MEMBER DARWIN JONES!
GOOD IDEA! I SECOND THE MOTION!

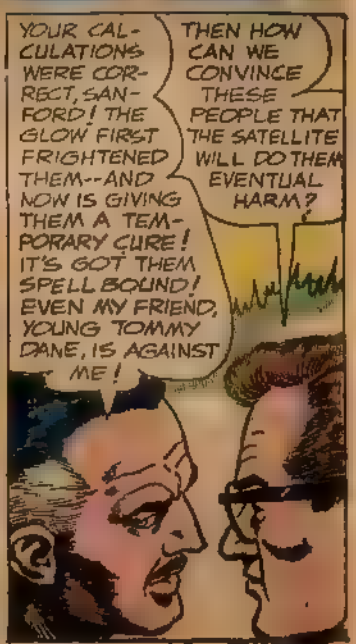

BUT WAIT! WHAT'S THIS? NOT FAR DISTANT, IN THE PRESS ROOM OF A LARGE NEWS-PAPER...
HEY, MIKE-- THOSE HEADACHES I'VE BEEN COMPLAINING ABOUT LATELY! THEY'RE SUDDENLY GONE!
THAT'S ODD! I WAS ABOUT TO SAY THAT MY BAD LEG SUDDENLY FEELS BETTER NOW!
AND NUMEROUS OTHER PLACES, MORE MIRACULOUS CURES SUDDENLY OCCUR...
MARTHA! THAT SPRAINED WRIST FEELS FINE NOW!
GOLLY--I WAS ABOUT TO MENTION I WAS GOING TO STOP SOMEWHERE AND GET SOMETHING FOR MY UPSET STOMACH--BUT SUDDENLY I FEEL GREAT!
AMAZING, DOC! YOU DON'T HAVE TO EXAMINE MY BACK! ALL THE PAIN IS SUDDENLY GONE!
IT MUST BE THAT GLOW! YOU'RE THE FIFTH PATIENT WHO HAS SUDDENLY BEEN CURED!


LATER, WHEN A HELI-COPTER PUTS DOWN NEAR COLBY'S LAB...
GOOD GOSH, MR. JONES! LOOK AT ALL THE PEOPLE! WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE THEY DOING HERE?
IF IT'S WHAT I THINK IT IS, THEY'RE HERE BECAUSE OF THE MIRACLE CURES THAT ARE OCCURRING! COME ON--WE'VE GOT TO ACT FAST! THEY DON'T REALIZE THE DOOM THAT IS IN STORE FOR THEM IN TOMORROW'S ECLIPSE!

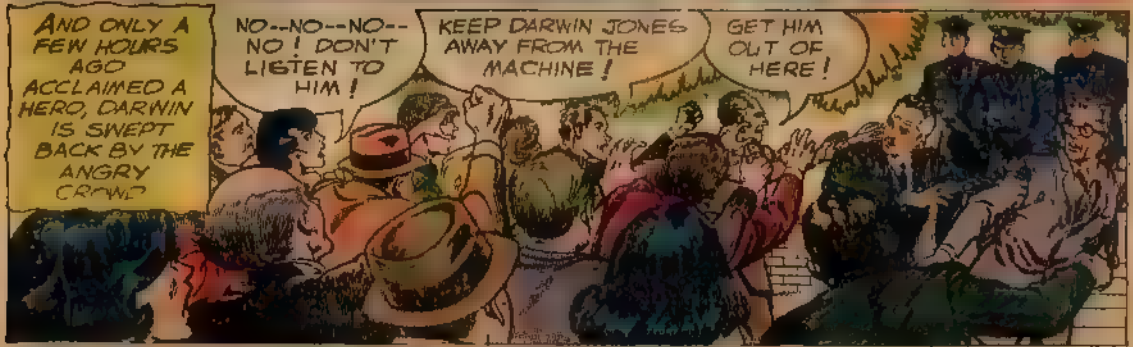

BUT AS THE SCIENCE SLEUTH AND DR. SANFORD BATTLE THEIR WAY THROUGH THE MILLING CROWD...
LET US THROUGH! WE'VE GOT TO SEE COLBY! HE MUSTN'T LET THE SATELLITE ECLIPSE THE SUN AGAIN!
TOO LATE! PROFESSOR COLBY IS, IN THE LAB... DEAD!

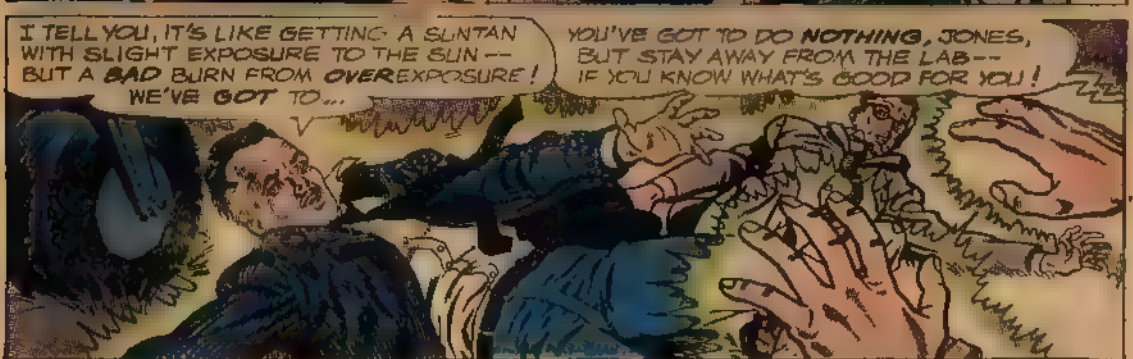

INSIDE THE LAB, A GREAT MACHINE TICKS AWAY...
COLBY WAS STRICKEN WITH A SUDDEN ILLNESS, MR. JONES--BUT HIS MACHINE IS STILL WORKING!
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! WE'VE GOT TO STOP THE MACHINE--TO FREE YOU! YOU'RE CAPTIVES OF THE ECLIPSE!
TICK-TICK-TICK-TICK

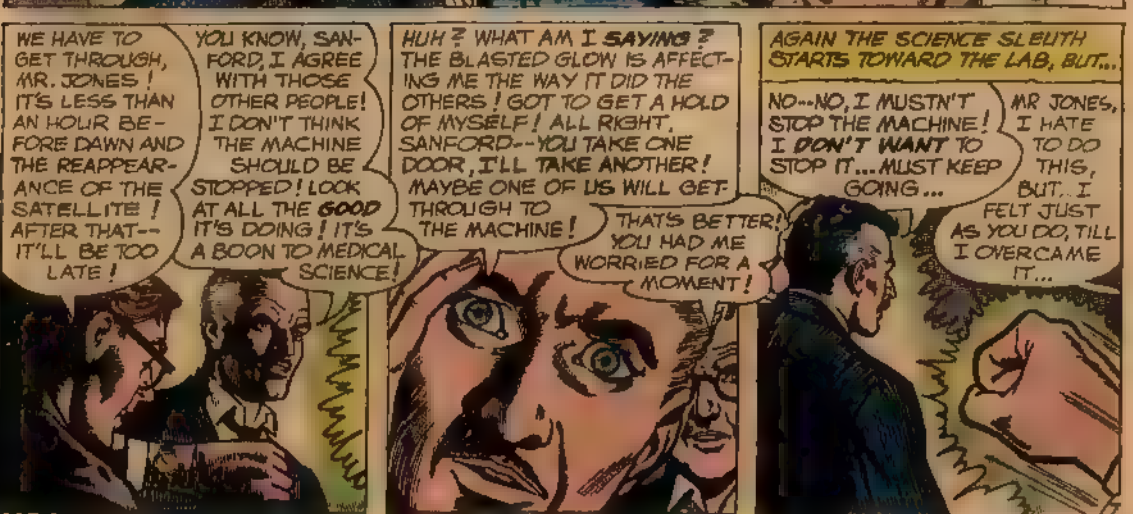
AT DARWIN'S WORDS, AN ANGRY ROAR GOES UP...
NO, NO! DON'T STOP THE MACHINE!
WE WANT THE SATELLITE LEFT UP THERE! IT'S GOOD FOR US!
DOWN WITH DARWIN JONES!


YOUR CALCULATIONS WERE CORRECT, SANFORD! THE GLOW FIRST FRIGHTENED THEM--AND NOW IS GIVING THEM A TEMPORARY CURE! IT'S GOT THEM SPELL BOUND! EVEN MY FRIEND, YOUNG TOMMY DANE, IS AGAINST ME!
THEN HOW CAN WE CONVINCE THESE PEOPLE THAT THE SATELLITE WILL DO THEM EVENTUAL HARM?

I'LL TRY...
LISTEN TO ME! THIS MAN HERE WORKED WITH PROFESSOR COLBY! HE KNOWS THAT THE ECLIPSING SATELLITE WILL EVENTUALLY DESTROY YOU! IT MIGHT'VE EVEN DESTROYED COLBY HIMSELF!


AND ONLY A FEW HOURS AGO ACCLAIMED A HERO, DARWIN IS SWEPT BACK BY THE ANGRY CROWD
NO--NO--NO--NO! DON'T LISTEN TO HIM!
KEEP DARWIN JONES AWAY FROM THE MACHINE!
GET HIM OUT OF HERE!


I TELL YOU, IT'S LIKE GETTING A SUNTAN WITH SLIGHT EXPOSURE TO THE SUN -- BUT A BAD BURN FROM OVEREXPOSURE! WE'VE GOT TO...
YOU'VE GOT TO DO NOTHING, JONES, BUT STAY AWAY FROM THE LAB-- IF YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOOD FOR YOU!


WE HAVE TO GET THROUGH, MR. JONES! IT'S LESS THAN AN HOUR BEFORE DAWN AND THE REAPPEARANCE OF THE SATELLITE! AFTER THAT-- IT'LL BE TOO LATE!
YOU KNOW, SANFORD, I AGREE WITH THOSE OTHER PEOPLE! I DON'T THINK THE MACHINE SHOULD BE STOPPED! LOOK AT ALL THE GOOD IT'S DOING! IT'S A BOON TO MEDICAL SCIENCE!
HUH? WHAT AM I SAYING? THE BLASTED GLOW IS AFFECTING ME THE WAY IT DID THE OTHERS! GOT TO GET A HOLD OF MYSELF! ALL RIGHT, SANFORD--YOU TAKE ONE DOOR, I'LL TAKE ANOTHER! MAYBE ONE OF US WILL GET THROUGH TO THE MACHINE!
THAT'S BETTER! YOU HAD ME WORRIED FOR A MOMENT!
AGAIN THE SCIENCE SLEUTH STARTS TOWARD THE LAB, BUT...
NO--NO, I MUSTN'T STOP THE MACHINE! I DON'T WANT TO STOP IT... MUST KEEP GOING...
MR JONES, I HATE TO DO THIS, BUT... I FELT JUST AS YOU DO, TILL I OVERCAME IT...

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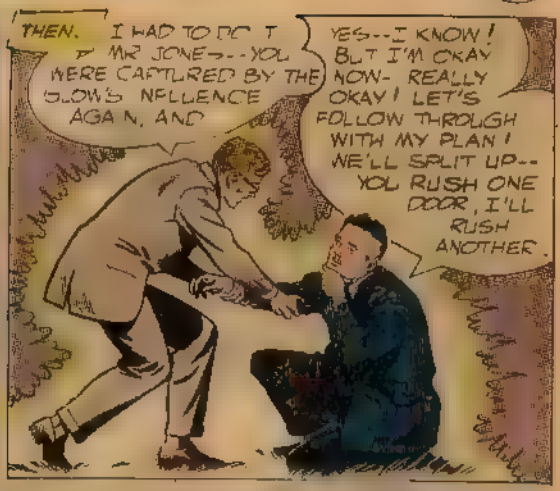
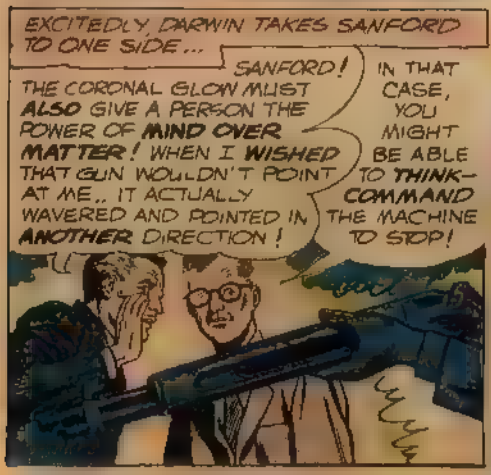
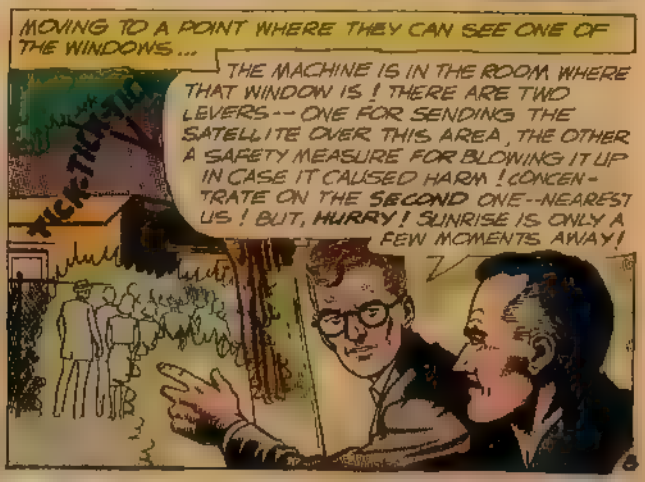

THEN. I HAD TO DO T P MR JONES--YOU WERE CAPTURED BY THE GLOW'S NFLUENCE AGA N, AND
YES--I KNOW! BUT I'M OKAY NOW- REALLY OKAY! LET'S FOLLOW THROUGH WITH MY PLAN! WE'LL SPLIT UP-- YOU RUSH ONE DOOR, I'LL RUSH ANOTHER.

BUT BEFORE THE SLEUTH AND THE LAB ASSISTANT TAKE A STEP
DON'T TRY IT, MR JONES! DON'T MAKE ME SHOOT YOU!
WOW! I WISH HE WOULDN'T AIM THAT GUN DIRECTLY AT ME!

AND TO HIS UTTER ASTONISHMENT, DARWIN STARES AT THE GUN, AS..
BLAZES! LOOK AT THAT! IS IT POSSIBLE THAT. ?


EXCITEDLY, DARWIN TAKES SANFORD TO ONE SIDE...
SANFORD! THE CORONAL GLOW MUST ALSO GIVE A PERSON THE POWER OF MIND OVER MATTER! WHEN I WISHED THAT GUN WOULDN'T POINT AT ME,, IT ACTUALLY WAVERED AND POINTED IN ANOTHER DIRECTION!
IN THAT CASE, YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO THINK-COMMAND THE MACHINE TO STOP!


MOVING TO A POINT WHERE THEY CAN SEE ONE OF THE WINDOWS...
THE MACHINE IS IN THE ROOM WHERE THAT WINDOW IS! THERE ARE TWO LEVERS-- ONE FOR SENDING THE SATELLITE OVER THIS AREA, THE OTHER A SAFETY MEASURE FOR BLOWING IT UP IN CASE IT CAUSED HARM! CONCENTRATE ON THE SECOND ONE--NEAREST US! BUT, HURRY! SUNRISE IS ONLY A FEW MOMENTS AWAY!
TICK-TICK-TIC

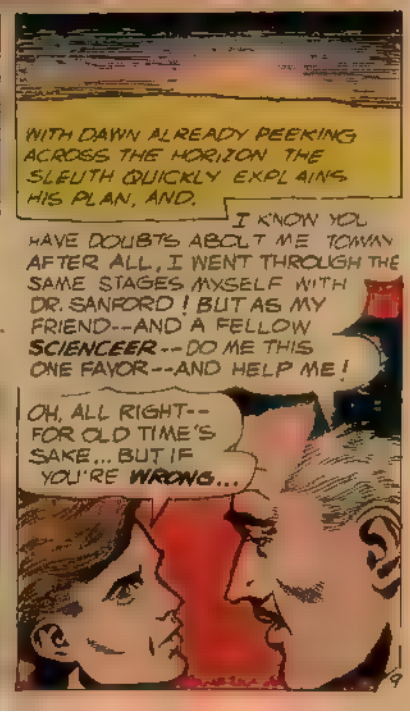
AS DARWIN CALLS ON ALL HIS POWERS OF CONCENTRATION
IT'S GOT TO WORK IT'S GOT TO
TICK-TICK-TICK-TICK-TICK

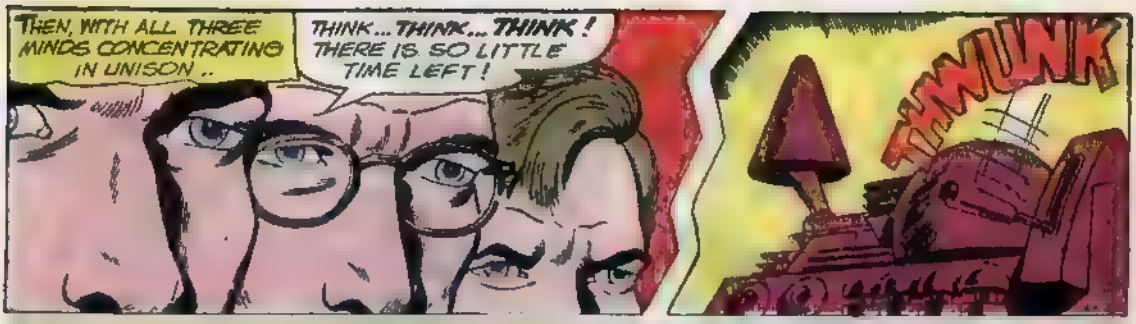
NO GOOD, SANFORD! I DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH POWERS OF CONCENTRATION TO DO ANY MORE THAN BUDGE IT! LET'S BOTH TRY CONCENTRATING OUR THOUGHTS!

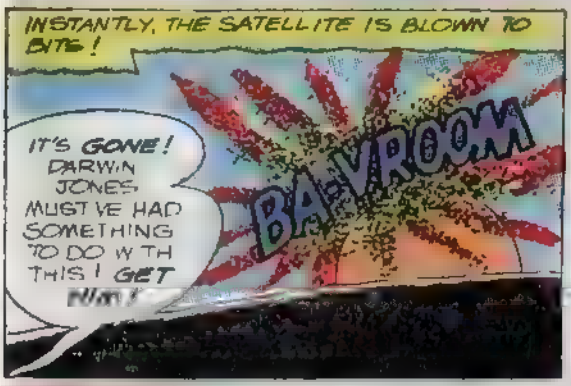
THEN, AS BOTH MEN CONCENTRATE...
CONCENTRATE, SANFORD.. CONCENTRATE!
TICK-TICK-TICK TICK-TICK

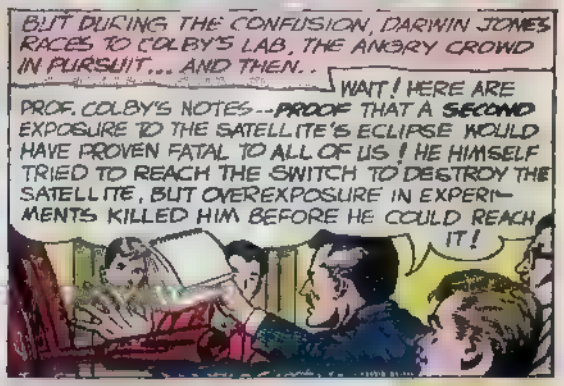
AND AGAIN--FAILURE..
IT'S NO USE... EVEN THE TWO OF US DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH POWER OF CONCENTRATION TO THROW THE SWITCH! WE'VE GOT TO THINK OF ANOTHER WAY! BUT IS THERE TIME?

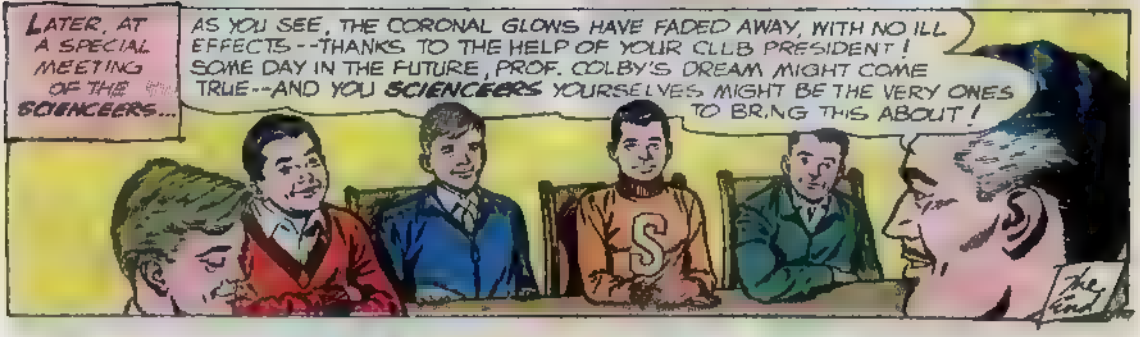
SUDDENLY UPON SPOTTING YOUNG TOMMY DANE IN THE CROWD..
WAIT! THERE'S MY YOUNG SCIENCEER FRIEND! I'VE GOT AN IDEA!
TOMMY, I WANT TO TALK TO YOU!
I DON'T WANT TO TALK TO YOU--NOT AFTER YOU TRIED TO STOP THE MACHINE!

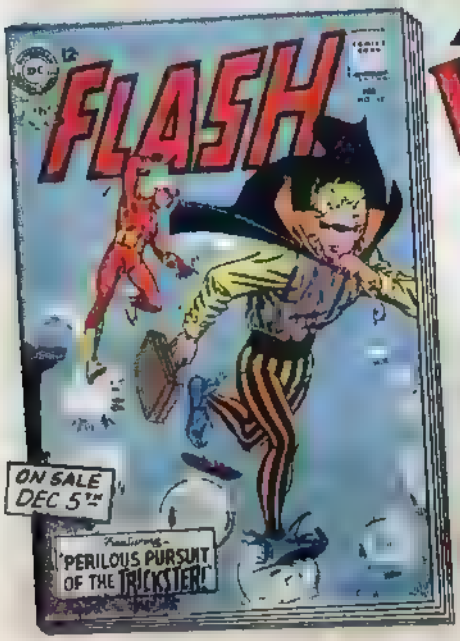

WITH DAWN ALREADY PEEKING ACROSS THE HORIZON THE SLEUTH QUICKLY EXPLAINS HIS PLAN, AND.
I KNOW YOU HAVE DOUBTS ABOUT ME TOMMY AFTER ALL, I WENT THROUGH THE SAME STAGES MYSELF WITH DR. SANFORD! BUT AS MY FRIEND--AND A FELLOW SCIENCEER--DO ME THIS ONE FAVOR--AND HELP ME!
OH, ALL RIGHT--FOR OLD TIME'S SAKE... BUT IF YOU'RE WRONG...











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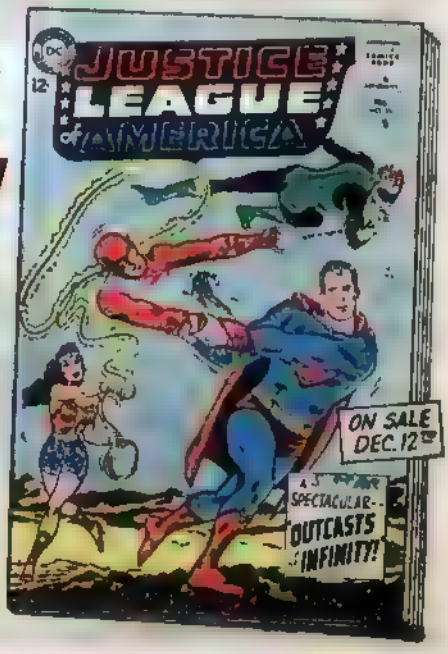

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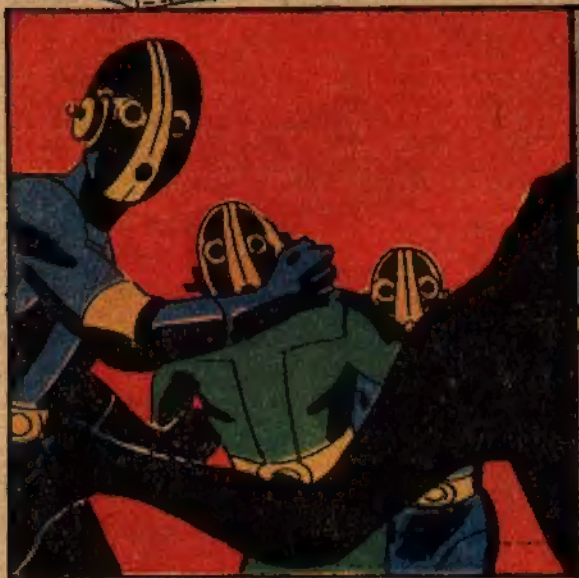

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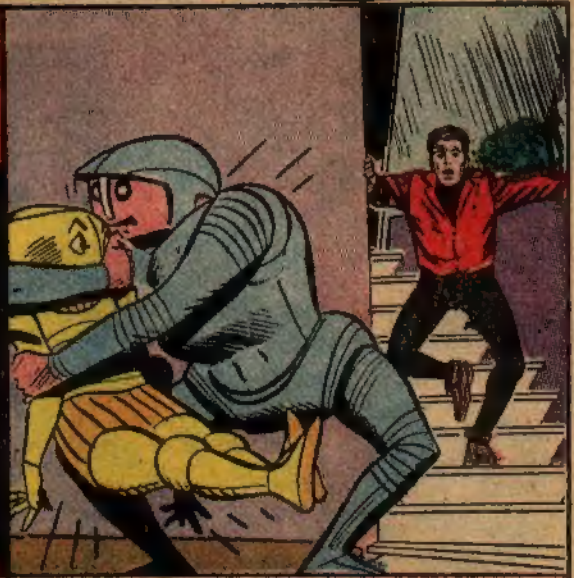

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